Chartered Engineer Certificate given by the firm from a reputed firm/international accredition agency alongwith justification/essentiality of imports. Other factors like buy-back arrangements for manufactured products, export performance as well as export potential of the firm etc. are considered in deciding such applications. As such, adequate provisions exist in the EXIM Policy to prevent import of outdated equipment.

Agricultural Export Zones

3094. SHRI R. P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have earmarked areas for Agricultural Export Zones for different products;

(b) the investment anticipated by public and private sectors in these zones;

(c) the estimated exports from different zones; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend the scheme to other areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) Yes, Sir. 45 Agri Export Zones (AEZs) for different products are being set up in 19 different States.

(b) Total investment of approximately Rs.1256 crores is envisaged, comprising around Rs. 364 crores from Central Government Agencies, Rs. 197 crores from State Government Agencies and Rs. 694 crores from the private sector.

(c) Based on five years projection for each sanctioned AEZ, the total anticipated value of exports is estimated at around Rs.9700 crores.

(d) Yes, Sir. State Governments' proposals for setting up Agri Export Zones for a product(s) grown in a contiguous area and having export potential, would be considered on merits.

Special zones for promoting export

†3095. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up zones under special names in the country for promoting export:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.